



## **2024 Directory**



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**The Emeriti Association functions to enhance and encourage the educational, professional, and social interaction among the retirees of Oklahoma State University.**

**Important Note:**

If you have given your e-mail address to the OSU Emeriti Office at some point but you are NOT regularly receiving e-mails from the Association, specifically about Monday Night Dinner monthly reservations and the newly revamped OSU Emeriti Association monthly Newsletter, please do the following:

Contact the OSU Emeriti Association Office either by calling (405-744-5263) or by sending an e-mail <[emeriti@okstate.edu](mailto:emeriti@okstate.edu)> to update your e-mail address.

## 2024 Emeriti Association Council



### Emeriti Association Contact Information and Room Locations

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Emeriti Suite	Room 101, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center
Association Office	Room 203P, ConocoPhillips Alumni Center ( <i>Not regularly staffed</i> )

# Oklahoma State University Emeriti Association

## 2024 Directory

This *Directory* is an update of the Emeriti Council officers and councilors, representatives from the membership serving on Association committees, and the Association membership roster. Information beneficial to the membership is included. Every effort was made to ensure the contents are current as of publication time.

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### Past Leadership

The Emeriti Association was founded in 1988. Dr. Robert Henrickson spearheaded its development with support from then President Lawrence Boger and Provost Jay Boggs. A committee was appointed by the provost with leadership given to Dr. Henrickson and included three other retirees. The members of this committee are credited as the founding members of the Emeriti Association. Their names are shown below.

For the leadership of the Emeriti Association, the title *Chair* was used first; later *President* was adopted. In 2006, the period for conducting business changed from an academic year to a calendar year. The names of the past chairs and former presidents are shown below.

### Founding Members

Robert Henrickson  
Jean Agnew  
Dick Jungers  
Kenneth McCollom

Former Chairs		Former Presidents	
Name	Year in Office	Name	Year(s) in Office
Robert Henrickson	1988-89	Don Holmes	1998-99
James Plaxico	1989-90	Audrey Eleanor Oaks	1999-00
Harold Sare	1990-91	Roscoe Rouse	2000-01
Robert Fite	1991-92	Esther Winterfeldt	2001-02
Kyle Yates	1992-93	Larry Jones	2002-03
Mary Frye	1993-94	Ron Beer	2003-05
Idella Lohmann	1994-95	Kenneth McKinley	2006
J.O. Grantham	1995-96	Bob Swaim	2007
A.B. Harrison	1996-97	Larry Zirkle	2008
Dan Lingelbach	1997-98	Russell Wright	2009
		Margaret Scott	2010-11
		David Lewis	2012
		Dennis Bertholf	2013
		Patrick Murphy	2014
		Russell Wright	2015
		Anne Matoy	2016-2017
		Sharon Nivens	2018-2019
		Michael Lorenz	2020-2021
		Kent Sampson	2022
		Gary Sherrer	2023

## Membership

From hereon, *Association* is used to refer to the Emeriti Association. Membership in the Association is open to all retired employees of OSU, spouses of current or deceased Emeriti members, retired Federal personnel associated with OSU, the Board of Regents, and retirees from other academic institutions within the Oklahoma A&M System. As contained in the Constitution of the Association, other retirees with a significant relationship to Oklahoma State University may become members upon approval of the Emeriti Council. Other retirees should present their interest to the president of the Emeriti Association. A membership application is on the Emeriti Association Web site and can be found by using the following: <<https://emeriti.okstate.edu/about/membership-application.pdf>>.

Current Association members are encouraged to recruit new members. The monthly dinner meetings are a good way to introduce and inform prospective members. Guests who are prospective members receive a one-time complimentary meal.

## Emeriti Council

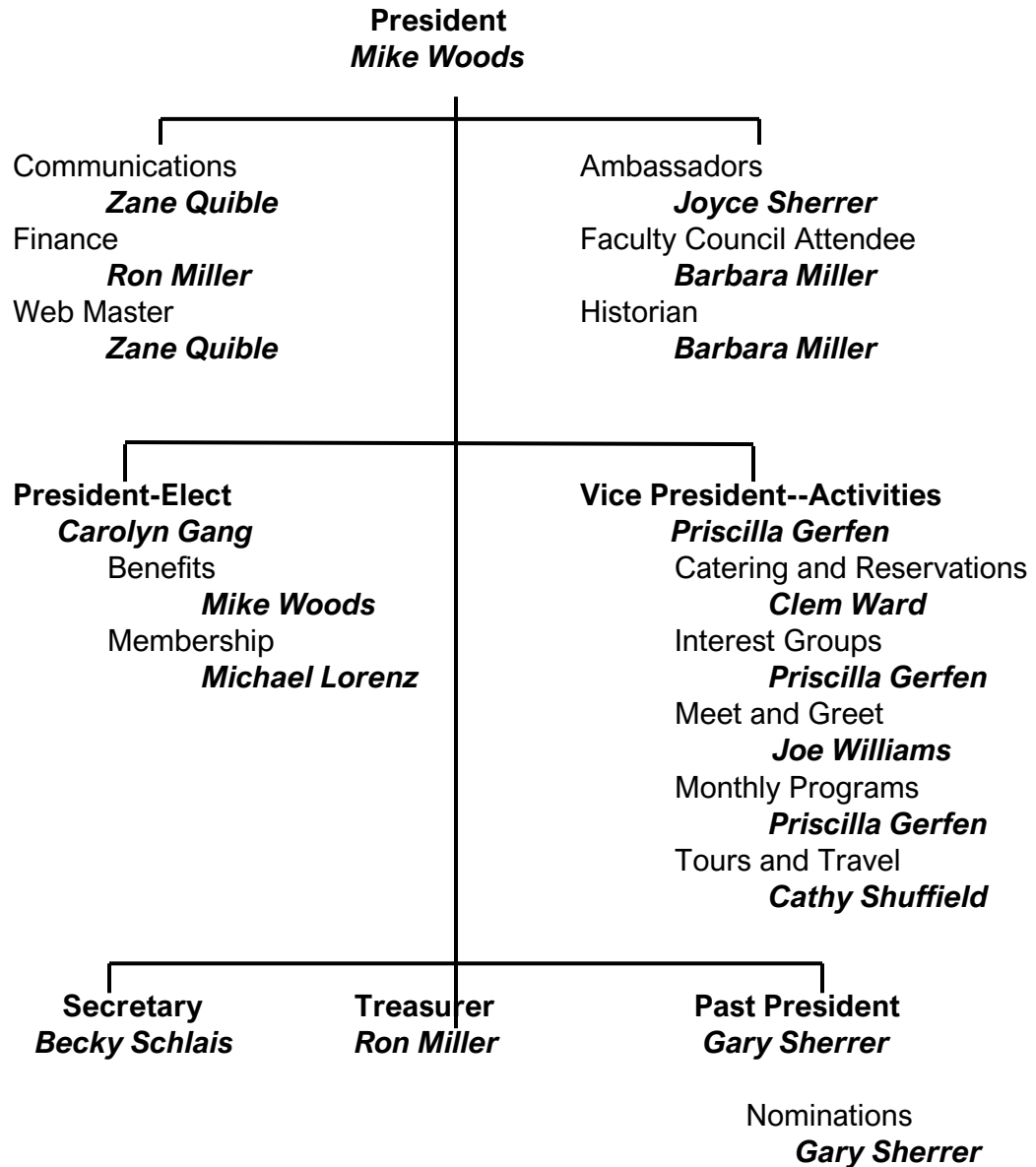
Management of the Association is vested with the Emeriti Council. A Council member, referred to as a councilor, serves a three-year term and is limited to two consecutive terms. Current councilors are shown below. The past president serves as parliamentarian.

<b>2023 Emeriti Council</b>			
<b>Executive Committee</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
President	Mike Woods	2024	(405) 880-1521
President-Elect	Carolyn Gang	2024	(405) 612-6138
Vice-President for Activities	Priscilla Gerfen	2024	(405) 612-7731
Secretary	Becky Schlais	2026	(405) 762-0991
Treasurer	Ron Miller	2024	(405) 269-5382
Past President	Gary Sherrer	2024	(405) 614-1411
<b>Councilors at Large</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
	Sue Williams	2024	(405) 372-7360
	Ray Huhnke	2024	(405) 612-8448
	Carol Schmitz	2024	(580) 849-1070
	Bob LeValley	2025	(580) 467-2211
	Gary Clark	2025	(405) 612-1978
	Michael Lorenz	2025	(405) 714-2233
	Gerald Stangl	2026*	(405) 742-2995
	Judy Hoberock	2026*	(405) 372-7630
	Kent Sampson	2026	(405)780-0064

\*Denotes councilor is in his/her second consecutive term.

### Organizational Structure

Several Standing Committees are authorized by the Bylaws of the Association with oversight by an executive officer of the Emeriti Association. The chart below shows the current structure of the Association.



Sofia Gustafson provides administrative assistance to the Emeriti Association through support from the Provost’s Office. She also monitors the Emeriti Association’s e-mail and telephone messages.

### Association Activities, Committees, and Interest Groups

The Association Bylaws lists several activities, committees, and interest groups. Some committees exist to help the Emeriti Council in managing the Association, and others, such as the interest groups, benefit the membership. The president may appoint ad hoc committees as deemed necessary to carry out the purpose of the organization. The Bylaws appear on the Emeriti Association Web page <<https://emeriti.okstate.edu>>.

#### Committee and Interest Group Contacts

Listed below are the contact persons and contact information for the standing committees, activities, and interest groups. If more than one name is included, the contact information refers to the committee chair. Participation by the membership is encouraged. Members of the Emeriti Council or a committee representative can provide information about specific committees. This also applies to interest groups and those committees associated with the University shown on the following page. Several of the committees and interest groups are described in the General Information section (starting on page 8).

<b>Committees and Interest Groups</b>	<b>Contact Person(s)</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Ambassadors	Joyce Sherrer	(405) 880-2411
Benefits	Michael Woods	(405) 880-1521
Catering and Reservations	Clem Ward	(405) 564-4564
Communications	Zane Quible	(405) 377-4435
Finance	Ron Miller (chair) and Mike Woods	(405) 269-5382
Emeriti Investment Club	Ron Elliott and Ray Huhnke	(405) 880-6015
Meet and Greet	Joe Williams	(405) 372-7360
Membership	Michael Lorenz	(405) 714-2233
Monthly Programs	Priscilla Gerfen	(405) 612-7731
Nominations	Gary Sherrer	(405) 880-1521
Technology Interest Group	Glade Presnal	(405) 780-0821
Tours and Travel	Cathy Shuffield	(405) 612-1930
<b>Other Appointments</b>	<b>Contact Person(s)</b>	<b>Contact Information</b>
Archives/History	Barbara Miller	(405)-762-1179
Directory	Zane Quible	(405) 377-4435
Faculty Council Attendee	Barbara Miller	(405)-762-1179
Name Tags	Michael Lorenz	(405)-714-2233
Web Site	Zane Quible	(405)-377-4435



### University Committee Representatives

The Association also maintains an active relationship with OSU through member participation on several University Committees. The Association's representatives provide input to the committees and update the Emeriti Council on the committee proceedings. The President of the Emeriti Association is the liaison to Faculty Council, and he/she may appoint an alternate representative. The Association has representatives on the Faculty Council Standing Committees. The table below lists the Faculty Council Standing Committees along with the Association's representatives and year the term expires.

#### Faculty Council Standing Committees

Standing Committees	Association Member Representative	Term Ends
Academic Standards and Policies	Kathryn Castle	5/31/25
Athletics, Health, and Wellness	Doug Aichele	5/31/25
Budget	Ron Miller	5/31/26
Campus Facilities, Safety and Security	Ron Thrasher	5/31/25
Diversity Advisory Committee	Mimi Ward	5/31/25
Faculty Council Representative	Barbara Miller	5/31/25
Learning Resources/Student Affairs	Regina Henry	5/31/25
Long-range Planning and Information Technology	John Kirkpatrick	5/31/25
Research	Ken Bartels	5/31/25
Retirement and Fringe Benefits	Michael Woods	5/31/24

#### University Standing Committees

There are two University Standing Committees with Association representation. The table below shows both committees along with the Association's representatives.

Standing Committee	Association Member Representative
Athletic Council (ex-officio)	Glade Presnal
Intellectual Property	Keith Willett

#### Affiliated Organization Representatives

##### OLLI

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) is an affiliated organization. The forerunner to OLLI is the Stillwater Academy for Lifelong Learning formed in 2005 through collaboration with the Emeriti Association and the College of Education. The Association has a relationship with OLLI through a representative on the OLLI Board of Directors as shown below.

OLLI Board of Directors	
Association Membership Representative	Carol Schmitz

## General Information

An overview is provided of some Association policies, committees, and interest groups. For additional information on policies, please contact a member of the Council. Participation by the membership in Association activities is encouraged. If interested in participating on a particular committee or interest group described below, please contact the respective chair as shown on page 6.

### Constitution and Bylaws

The Emeriti Association Constitution and Bylaws are on the Emeriti Web site. The Association Policies and Procedures and History are also on the Web site. Every odd year or as needed, the Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies and Procedures are reviewed and, if necessary, amended.

### Dues

Annual Membership dues are \$25.00 per person or \$35.00 per couple and are due on January 1. Annual dues not received by March 1 may cause the member's name to be excluded from the updated *Directory*.

Life Membership dues are \$200.00 per person or \$250.00 per couple. Life Membership is a one-time payment at the time the retiree joins the Association.

Checks for annual dues and life membership are payable to the OSU Emeriti Association and should be mailed to the Emeriti Association mailing address shown on the inside of the *Directory* cover. After a member has paid 10 years of annual dues, he/she is granted life-member status and is not obligated to pay additional membership dues.

### E-mail Address

Because of the increased amount of Emeriti Association communication now being done by e-mail, it is important that members notify the Emeriti Association office when they change their e-mail address. This can be done by sending an e-mail to the Association office <[emeriti@okstate.edu](mailto:emeriti@okstate.edu)> or by sending a notice of change by regular mail to the address shown on the inside of the *Directory* cover.

### Emeriti Council Business Meetings

The Emeriti Council holds its monthly business meetings on the last Monday of the month except for December when the Council meets on the second Monday. Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the Council meets on the prior Monday. The Emeriti Council does not hold a business meeting in June and July. The business meeting location is the Emeriti Suite, Room 101 of the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. Inclement weather that closes the University on the day of the Emeriti Council meeting automatically cancels the Council meeting.

### Facilities Requests

The Emeriti Association facilities are located in the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. Requests by non-member groups to use the Emeriti Association facilities shall be brought to the Emeriti Council for referral to the Alumni Association for consideration.

**Investment Club**

The Investment Club is an Association interest group for Association members who enjoy learning about stock market investing in a friendly, supportive environment. This group elects its own officers and is governed by a Partnership Agreement and set of Bylaws. Participation requires a modest financial commitment. Each member is a partner and has a share in the Investment Club's stock portfolio. Visitors are welcome at Club meetings. Those interested in joining are required to attend three Club meetings before applying to become a partner. Inclement weather that closes the University on the day of an Investment Club meeting automatically cancels the Club meeting.

**Membership Meetings**

No fewer than eight meetings of the Association are scheduled each year. These are typically dinner meetings held on the first Monday of each month. Meetings are not held in January, July, nor August. An announcement about the meal and program is e-mailed (some mailed by request) to members. To ensure adequate food and seating, reservations are required by the date noted in the announcement. Inclement weather that closes the University on the day of a Monday Night Dinner meeting automatically cancels the dinner meeting.

**Meet and Greet Reception**

The Meet and Greet reception precedes the monthly dinner meetings and allows additional time for informal interaction among the dinner attendees. The reception is held in the Emeriti Suite, Room 101, of the ConocoPhillips OSU Alumni Center. Light snacks and both nonalcoholic beverages and wine are offered. A small contribution is accepted to cover the expenditures for the reception.

**Members Age 90 and Older**

Members age 90 and older receive a complimentary meal at the monthly dinner meetings. Please contact the chair of the Membership Committee when reaching age 90.

**News and Periodic Information**

Ten newsletters are published each year, which are distributed electronically to Association members. Newsletters are available on the Emeriti Web site <<https://emeriti.okstate.edu>>.

**Job Descriptions of Officers and Committee Chairs**

Each officer and committee chair shall update his/her job description yearly by the September meeting. The President shall provide a job description to each new officer and committee chair. Copies are made available for the nominating committee to use in contacting candidates. Committee chairs also prepare an end-of-year report.

**Programs Committee**

The Programs Committee identifies and schedules speakers for the monthly dinner meetings. Suggestions are welcome on topics and speakers, which are referred to the Programs Committee Chair shown on page 6.

**Scholarship Program**

The Association has a scholarship endowment fund with the OSU Foundation. From it, an annual scholarship is awarded to two OSU students. Donations are welcome. There is the potential for a larger award as the endowment fund grows. A donation is an admirable way to honor and memorialize relatives and friends. Donations are payable to the OSU Foundation. When making such a donation, please indicate to the Foundation that the donation is for the OSU Emeriti Association Scholarship Fund. See page 11 for a cumulative list of Emeriti Scholarship recipients.

**Technology Interest Group**

The Technology Group is an interest group for Association members who would like to learn more about the use of computers and other technology. Basic and more complex technological information is studied on such topics as Windows basics, computer maintenance and security tips, smart cell-phone use, and new technology among a host of other topics. Helpful explanatory handouts are provided and are available on the Emeriti Web site <<https://emeriti.okstate.edu>>. Inclement weather that closes the University on the day of a Technology Interest Group meeting automatically cancels the meeting.

**Volunteers**

Requests for Emeriti members to serve as volunteers at campus or other events should be referred to the chair of the Ambassadors. Volunteer opportunities exist for Association members. One such opportunity is distributing programs at the University commencement exercises. Other volunteer opportunities periodically occur. Interest in participating as a volunteer should be referred to the chair of the Ambassadors Committee shown on page 6.

**Web Site**

The Association maintains a Web site for the membership. Information on the Web site includes names of officers, committee chairs, committee representatives, past newsletters, minutes of the Emeriti Council, Emeriti scholarship program for OSU students, and the Association membership application among other items. The Web site URL is <<https://emeriti.okstate.edu>>.

**OSU Emeriti Association Scholarship Recipients**

Each academic year, the OSU Emeriti Association funds two undergraduate scholarships. Students are required to complete an application considered by a committee that selects the recipients. The amount of the scholarship can vary from year to year. Following is a list of the recipients.

Zack Wilson—2016  
Marie Spillman 2018  
Ryan Holland—2019  
Bailey Lockhart—2020  
Braxton Beuke—2021  
Nancy Romano—2022  
Leah Bwolf—2023

Devin Peck—2017  
Halie Schovanec—2019  
Alyssa Hoyle—2020  
Alexis Van Pelt—2021  
Alex Harper—2022  
Ashlyn Goad—2023

## Retiree Benefits Information

The Emeriti Association continues to be proactive in following and suggesting OSU programs and services beneficial to retirees. Various benefits currently available are described below. *Information regarding benefits is subject to change during the year. Please contact the appropriate department for more information and updates.*

### Computer Discounts

Academic discounts on Apple, Dell, HP, and MSI computers are available at the University Bookstore in the OSU Student Union. A valid OSU ID must be shown at the time of purchase. Call the Bookstore at (405) 744-4357 for details.

### Auditing Courses

OSU retirees who retired under the OTRS Rule of 80 or Rule of 90 and anyone age 65 or older may audit OSU courses. Laboratory and studio art courses and private music lessons are not open for audit. The instructor's permission is required. A *Request to Audit a Course* form is available online at <<https://registrar.okstate.edu>>. Call the Office of the Registrar at (405) 744-6876 for details.

### Campus Parking Permits

OSU retirees who have 20 years of consecutive service and 20 consecutive years of obtaining an OSU parking permit are entitled to receive a retiree parking permit at no cost. A retiree with fewer than 20 years of consecutive service is eligible to purchase a staff parking permit at the current price. Parking permits must be picked up in person from OSU Parking and Transit Services located in the Multimodal Transportation Terminal. A parking permit is valid only for the personal use of the retiree to whom it is issued. Call (405) 744-6525 for more information.

### Edmon Low Library

Retired faculty and staff may check out books and other permissible materials and access software. An OSU ID or Emeriti membership card is required. Emeriti members may access digital library services through the Internet at <<https://library.okstate.edu>>. Call the librarian at (405) 744-9780 for additional information or help.

### E-mail

OSU retirees may retain their OSU e-mail addresses. For questions regarding an O-Key account, contact the IT Help Desk at (405) 744-4357.

### Lake Carl Blackwell (LCB)

There is no charge to OSU Emeriti members for day visitation. A "day use" pass is required and obtained by showing one's Emeriti membership card at the LCB Headquarters (next to the store) or the Fee Collection Booth (when open) at the entrance. Vehicles not displaying a permit are subject to ticketing by OSU Police Department.

### OSU Athletic Events

OSU retirees may purchase reduced-priced season tickets. Call the Athletic Ticket Office at (405) 744-5745 for ordering information and other details.

**OSU ID Cards**

OSU ID cards will remain valid in retirement. Lost cards must be reported immediately to prevent unauthorized use. There is a \$20 replacement fee. The ID Services office is located in 421 Classroom Building. Check <<https://it.okstate.edu>> or call (405) 744-8434 for questions and additional information.

**OSU Michael and Anne Greenwood School of Music**

Tickets for music events are available at the current student rate for members of the Association and other senior citizens. Check the Web site <<https://music.okstate.edu>> or call (405) 744-8997 for a list of upcoming musical events and purchasing tickets.

**OSU Department of Theatre**

Senior citizens age 65 or older are eligible to purchase reduced-price tickets. Attendees with disabilities may request seating in a designated row. Check the Web site <<https://theatre.okstate.edu>> or call (405) 744-6094 for upcoming theatre events and purchasing tickets.

**OSU Student Government Association Events**

Most events sponsored by the OSU Student Government Association are free to OSU retirees with a valid OSU ID. This includes the OSU Speakers Board events. Admission restrictions and fee requirement likely will be listed in the advertisement for the event.

**Parking in Student Union (SU) Garage**

OSU Emeriti Association members are given a 50% discount on hourly parking in the SU garage. There is a minimum charge of one hour. A current Emeriti membership card must be shown to the parking attendant to receive the discount.

**Seretean Wellness Center and Colvin Center**

OSU retirees are given an automatic free membership to the Department of Wellness and only need to show their OSU ID to be admitted. Other Emeriti members who are not OSU retirees, such as spouses of OSU retirees or those who joined the Emeriti Association as a non-OSU retiree, may purchase membership on a semester or annual basis at the community membership rates. Check the Web site <<https://wellness.okstate.edu>> or call (405) 744-5510 for additional information.

**Transit System**

Passengers reaching age 59 may ride the local OSU buses one way for thirty-five cents. The BOB transit service is available to the public at the same rate as for current faculty and staff. The one-way fare is \$13.00. Reservations are required for riding BOB. Check the Web site <<https://parking.okstate.edu>> or call (405) 744-7100 for routes, making reservations or additional information on the local buses and BOB.

**University Club (U-Club) at Oklahoma State University**

Emeriti members are eligible to join the U-Club. For information, visit the U-Club Web site at <<https://uclub.okstate.edu>> or send an e-mail to <[uclub@okstate.edu](mailto:uclub@okstate.edu)>.

**OSU Emeriti Association: 2023 At A Glance****Gary Sherrer, 2023 President**

In 1964, a song was composed by Rick Evans titled, "In the Year 2525." At that time, it seemed like such a long way off; and, of course, it still is. However, 60 years have passed since that song was written. What does that have to do with the events of 2023? Nothing, of course, but it just illustrates how quickly time passes. It seems only yesterday when Kent Sampson passed the gavel to me to be the next president of this great association! Now, as of January 2, 2024, I passed the gavel on to Mike Woods to be the next president. Kent did a great job as president and Mike will also do a super job! For me, I certainly enjoyed working with the very special group of council members and the folks of the entire association.

I always enjoyed the Monday Night Dinners. It gave Joyce and me a chance to greet the membership as they entered the space reserved for the gathering. I enjoyed meeting new members and shaking the hand of some very special friends whom I had the privilege of working with for many years at this great university.

In my mind, a couple of real highlights of 2023 were the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our organization and the honoring of our military veterans last November. Thirty-five years of being an organized group and we are still going strong!

The cost of our Monday Night Dinners remained at \$15 per person as a generous Emeriti Member donated \$1,000. The cost of the meals actually runs more than that and an increase may have to be addressed by the council for the coming year.

The number of our members actually decreased somewhat in 2023, as the membership rolls were purged and several of our folks passed away. We still have a good number at just under 400.

During the past year, we had to find new office space as remodeling was done on the first floor of the Alumni Center. We were pleased to find a quiet space on the second floor where only our office equipment will be housed under lock.

Our Ambassador Program was started up again for the year under the leadership of Chairperson Joyce Sherrer. We had two ambassadors work with the Alumni Association for each of the home football games. Our job was to help greet the Alumni Association Members as they entered the Alumni Center for pep rallies before the football games.

I mentioned earlier that Kent Sampson did an excellent job as our 2022, Emeriti Association President. He also did a superb job as chairperson of the group that took on the responsibility of revisions for the constitution, by-laws, and policies and procedures.

The association's financial position remains strong. Our December 31, checking account balance was \$2,597.60. We have 2 CDs at \$5,142.95 and another that will mature in March.



of this year and presently sits at \$5,030.88. Our OSU Foundation Endowment Account has a balance of \$64,731.86, and the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$55,336.28.

Our partnership with OLLI is great, and Robyn Davis is a delight to work with!

All in all, I believe our wonderful association had a splendid year! As I have stated before, our membership has terrific people who dedicated the best part of their lives to our great university! I believe this organization will stand strong for many years to come and will continue to do great things for Oklahoma State University!

### In Memoriam

The OSU Emeriti Association is saddened by the loss of members who passed in 2022. Their names are shown below. Obituaries for the deceased are on the Association Web site <<https://emeriti.okstate.edu>>. Short obituaries of Emeriti members who passed in prior years are also listed on the Web site.

*Bell, Kenneth, 4-13-2023*

*Burns, Evelyn, Jean, 4-10-2023*

*Conway, Beth, 6-25-2023*

*Cunningham, Wanda, 9-10-2023*

*duBois, Ron, 12-26-2023*

*Maurizzi, Robert, 7-24-2023*

*Myers, Connie, 3-20-2023*

*Myers, Harold, 5-29-2023*

*Payne, William, (Death date unknown)*

*Plaxico, Jessie (Jackie), 12-22-2023*

*Sandmeyer, Robert, 8-31-2023*

*Thompson, Catherine (Cat), 4-8-2023*

*Vijayakumar, Moses, 8-30-2023*

*Walker, Odell, 8-25-2023*

**Let us reflect on their contributions to the University, profession, and life.  
The Emeriti Association expresses condolences to their families and friends.**

## NOTES



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